GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:99
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2002
TECHNICAL BARRIERS ON TRADE OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large section of steel industry has represented to the Government for the removal of Technical Barriers on Trade (TBT)imposed on the imports of steel products since non-availability of the requisite grades of steel has severely hit the industry; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) ; A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.99, FOR ANSWE 19TH JULY, 2002, REGARDING TECHNICAL BARRIERS ON TRADE OF STEEL

(a) & (b). Paragraph 2.2 of Export and Import Policy (2002-2007) provides that all imported goods shall also be subject to domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environmental and safety norms as applicable on domestically produced goods. Accordingly, import of steel products has been subjected to compliance of mandatory Indian Quality Standards as applicable to like domestic goods vide DGFT Notification 44 dated 24.11.2000.

The standards in respect of steel items are applicable on domestic producers under Ministry of Steel and Mines, Department of Iron and Steel, Notifications dated 4.1.1965 and 26.3.1971.

Representations are received from trade and industry from time to time for removal/review of all such restrictions, which are imposed under paragraph 2.2 of Import & Export Policy. The restrictions are reviewed periodically and allrepresentations are taken note of in consultation with concerned administrative Ministries during review.